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Sisters' S. C. E.

HOW TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF LOCAL FUNDS

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The following is yet another of the conference papers in which Sister Simmonds gives us some very helpful and practical ideas. On account of an oversight on my part the paper was not published before. It was gratifying to see in last week's paper that the Gravelton S. S. C. E. is actively engaged in work; also the Flora society. Let others write also.

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Dear co-workers of the Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor, we greet thee.

"In whatsoever thou doest,
Do with thy might;
Then the Lord will direct
And give to thee light."

We plead with you in behalf of the earnings of each society, aside from the semi-annual dues set apart for the national work, that we be more practical and systematic in the expenditure of the same.

We are aware that the dollars earned in our local societies are obtained only by much sacrifice and hard labor; and too, if we do not care for the pennies there will be no dollars for the treasury.

Did not Jesus labor while upon the earth and sacrifice his own life that we might live? There are so many avenues of real service open that I trust we may not pass them all by. I will call your attention to only a few for our careful consideration.

May we not apply more of our earnings to the support of the national work than we are doing at present? Should we not strive more to rear monuments for eternity, rather than for time? Is there need of an endowment fund in behalf of the College, and the Publishing House? Will we remember our aged and needy ministers? Is there need of supporting the great mission work. Daily there are souls going down to utter darkness and death; daily there are hungry ones to be fed as did Jesus when the great multitude came

unto him as without a Shepherd. Will we follow in His footsteps and feed them ere we send them away.

The College of our own beloved faith should be the chief corner stone of all our energies. It is the source of furnishing contributions and aid to the Publishing House and in due season we hope to have students preparing themselves for that special vocation. It is here that the boys and girls from the homes of the Brethren may expect to receive the "higher education," for that is the "life that lifts," where the Christ life may be found dwelling in the inmost hearts and lives of men and women. It is here that we hope to educate men and women as missionaries for home and foreign fields. Also to have a class from the Theological department prepared for active service, each year surpassing the past many fold. Furthermore it is from the College that we as local congregations expect to secure our ministers in the future. Then it is necessary that we stand by our own school and support it with a large endowment fund. Let us who labor together summon our forces, center them upon this objective point where our efforts will some day tell mightily for Christ. Fathers and mothers, it should be your most earnest desire that your children receive their education at our own college, where they may not depart from the faith. Will we be loyal to our calling in Christ Jesus?

Dear sisters, let us not be so selfish and think we must retain all our earnings in the local congregations. Seed put in a grain sack and tied up will never grow a harvest, but must be put into the soil and well cultivated ere it will fill the garner. Neither will a light put under a bushel shed forth its rays to this dark and sinful world. Can we not be obedient to Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."?

We will consider a few practical suggestions rather than theory. Would it not be well to pattern after the society at Ashland, Ohio, in furnishing a room at the dormitory? For example, take a stroll thru the halls of "The Inn." Notice the furnishings required, and last but not least, in memory of this society or that society. The expense will be very meager if wisely directed. Will it not long linger in the student's memory the interest some one is taking in them whereby they may be made to feel at home even in their own room and in a far country? I wonder if the teachers of the several departments could make their work more effective and accomplish greater results thru actual observation and service, should they have at their command the material required. Could they find room for a library? Should there be a fund created for that purpose? Do you think it would be acceptable? Let the president, with the faculty, select the same, or some persons whom General Conference may select, for it would not be advisable for each person to make his or her

own selections. The farmer would not expect the hireling to till the soil without the proper implements with which to perform the labor; neither would he expect to gather a harvest without first sowing the seed.

George W. Childs calls our attention to the founding of Drexel Institution, Philadelphia, Pa., where provision has been made for the education of girls by the large endowment fund, thru the columns of the Ladies' Home Journal. He says: "While schools and collegiate institutions are provided almost without number for boys, only here and there do we hear of a fully equipped college having for its direct aim the training and thorough education of girls, and the fitting them for the practicalities of life. Furthermore I have up to this time educated or rather been the means of educating between three and four hundred girls, and in every case I have been rewarded by their gratitude, their aptitude and their general excellence in behavior."

I wish that all men of large means might take up this matter for careful consideration in providing educational opportunities, and increase the endowment fund of Ashland College whereby the boys and girls of America could say the instruction received there has been the means of fitting them for the practicalities of life. We should be thankful as members of the Brethren church that we have within our own brotherhood such an efficient faculty, whereby the students receive the religious and moral instruction in connection with whatever course of study they pursue.

Can we not do more effective mission work by contributing toward the support of some missionary in securing an education and in active service? In supporting one person as a missionary at school the extent of good is not calculated in dollars and cents, but possibilities arise to know that when that person is fully prepared to enter the field he is in possession of the knowledge of the Word of God and has command of the different languages by which he is prepared for active service at once. Also he is in position whereby many souls may be won into the kingdom thru the knowledge imparted to them.

What will the recompense be? Souls, precious souls, for the hire. Solomon in all wisdom says, "He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 1:30. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. Dan. 12:3.

Then, dear sisters, He that careth for the sparrow when it fall, will He not much more care for His children who are faithful and seek to do His will?

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O, holy trust! O, endless sense of rest!
Like the beloved John,
To lay his head upon the Savior's breast,
And thus to journey on! —Longfellow.